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## News Release

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### **SPORT FISHING CLOSURE OF KIMBERLY AND POLARIS LAKES IN THE EIELSON AND NORTH POLE AREAS**

Surface water in Kimberly and Polaris Lakes have tested to exceed EPA and DEC actions levels for PFAS. As a precautionary measure, Kimberly Lake and Polaris Lake are closed to sport fishing effective immediately and will not be stocked until additional information becomes available.

ADF&G recognizes closing these lakes will reduce fishing opportunity on Eielson Airforce Base and plans to increase stockings in Chena, Birch, and Cushman Lakes. We encourage anglers to give these lakes a try this spring and summer.

For information regarding groundwater contaminants, please contact the Department of Environmental Conservation. For information on any health effects associated with the contaminants, contact the Department of Health and Social Services. For information about fish stockings or alternative local fishing opportunities, contact Heather Scannell (907) 459-7357; [heather.scannell@alaska.gov](mailto:heather.scannell@alaska.gov).

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